

New Trend in Education Bans Homework

Report Cards, Truant Officers Held Menaces to 'Social Growth'

By United Press
 SACRAMENTO—Father, who always has trouble getting his check book balanced anyway, won't have to worry about little Oscar's arithmetic lessons in the future—the state department of education has turned thumbs down on homework.

Informally, it was hinted father never was much help; he frequently got the wrong answers.

The foregoing trends in elementary education were disclosed this week by Miss Helen Hefferman, chief of the division of elementary education, who said California school children were on the way to a 30-hour week.

Parents Take Holiday
 It is not considered cricket any more to have children lug home an armful of school books—they put in a full day in the classroom, it is felt among the more advanced members of the teaching profession. Besides, think of the relief to parents, who probably long since have let long division take a holiday.

Miss Hefferman was sure homework soon will be as old fashioned as the celluloid collar.

"Husky brick layers are working only thirty hours a week now," she said. "Why expect a young child to study all day at school and then spend half the night at books? It is more important that a child's attention be directed into the proper literary or musical channels during leisure hours so that a proper background can be obtained."

Belvedere Becomes E. Los Angeles

"East Los Angeles" is to become the official name of the area now known as Belvedere Gardens, under an order that went forward to the county department heads this week from the board of supervisors.

This does not mean that there has been another annexation to the city of Los Angeles, which probably has more annexations to its credit than any other city, at least any other city of its age, it was explained at the Hall of Records.

The area that is variously known as Belvedere, Belvedere Gardens and Laguna has a combined population of some 75,000 persons, and is declared to be the largest unincorporated locality in the world.

1937 Red Cross Poster



The Red Cross annual roll call poster is the second he has painted for the Red Cross, thus joining a long list of distinguished artists who since the World War years have illustrated the spirit of the Red Cross in the call for memberships. Red Cross roll call begins Armistice Day and ends Thanksgiving Day.

Ban Drilling in Alondra Park

County officials have no authority to lease county park areas for oil drilling, County Spence Turner, explained today in answering a query as to whether Alondra Park north of Torrance could be leased for that purpose.

A bill was introduced at the last Legislature to authorize the supervisors to lease the park for oil drilling, but it failed to pass, Turner explained in answering a question raised by Raymond J. Schallert of Redondo Beach, a property owner in the A. and I. district adjoining the park site.

Various ideas have been advanced to obtain revenue from the Alondra Park lands to relieve the heavy burden being carried by property owners in the old Mattoon Act district, but none of them has worked out as yet. One of the last ones was a proposal to raise perfume flowers on the park lands, a tract of more than 300 acres on Riveside-Redondo boulevard.

Perkins Settled in New Residence

The T. H. Perkins are now nicely settled in their new home at the southwest corner of Amalpa and Sonoma avenues. Many an old-time local resident says that it is a healthy sign for Torrance to see so many young people buying their homes here.

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ents and teachers to reach a closer rapprochement than ever was the case in the woodshed and strapping era.

In fact, she said some counties, Santa Barbara for example, have done away with report cards entirely.

"Today's teaching in the California elementary schools at least, is done from the standpoint of emphasis on social growth," Miss Hefferman said. "Maybe that makes it impossible in one's sense to get a 'bad' report card, but we do not think so."

Loyola End Coach to Address Rotary

Principal speaker at tonight's Rotary club dinner-meeting in the Legion clubhouse will be Manfred H. "Mannie" Vezie, assistant coach at Loyola University. An accomplished speaker, he is expected to give club members and their guests a coach's insight into the current grid-

iron campaigns throught the nation.

Vezie is considered one of the best end coaches on the Pacific coast. He was one of Notre Dame's great players and after his graduation from the South Bend, Indiana, school he remained there to coach the ends for "Hunk" Anderson. He recently came to Loyola to become associated with another Notre Dame great, Coach Tom Lieb.

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Judge Substitutes Gardening for 'Daily-Dozen'

Mrs. Robert Lessing told friends that she and her husband the city judge are just about completely settled in their new home on North Beech street except that Judge Lessing has changed his mind about his morning "daily dozen" exercises. Now the magistrate is taking his work-out in fixing up his lawn. The Lessings recently purchased one of S. H. Yerlan's fine three-bedroom homes thru B. C. Buxton, realtor at 1900 Torrance boulevard.

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